CITY OF SANTA BARBARA



COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: April 15, 2008

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Engineering Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Measure D Two-Year Local Program Of Projects For Fiscal Years

2009 And 2010

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Adopting the Measure D Two-Year Local Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010.

DISCUSSION:

BACKGROUND

On November 7, 1989, voters approved Measure D (a one-half percent sales tax) for transportation purposes. The sales tax was levied effective April 1, 1990, and will remain in effect for 20 years, expiring in April 2010.

In November 2006, the voters defeated a replacement measure called Measure D 2006. Now, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) is planning to place an alternate measure on the November 2008 ballot. A two-thirds majority vote of the entire County is needed to implement a new measure.

Local agencies receive 70% of the Measure D funds collected and choose how to spend their share of funds after seeking public input and adopting a Program of Projects each year. Measure D contains funds for Capital Projects, Corrective/Preventative Maintenance (Operations), and Alternative Transportation (pedestrian/bicycle improvements and transit assistance).

Since 1990, the City has adopted an annual Five-Year Local Program of Projects. However, since the current Measure D is set to expire in 2010, SBCAG has requested a Two-Year Local Program of Projects to cover Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010.

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On March 27, 2007, staff provided a report to the Finance Committee on the Proposed Measure D Expenditures for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009. On April 3, 2007, the Council approved the Fiscal Year 2008 – 2010 Three-Year Local Program of Projects.

On March 28, 2008 and April 10, 2008, staff held public meetings with the Transportation Circulation Committee (TCC) and the Planning Commission (PC) to review and discuss the proposed Fiscal Year 2009 and 2010 Streets Capital Improvement Program Budget.

LOCAL PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

With the City Council's approval of the recommended Resolution, this report will satisfy the Measure D requirement that the local agency hold an annual public hearing on its Program of Projects prior to submittal and adoption by SBCAG.

The proposed Measure D Two-Year Local Program of Projects for Fiscal Year 2009 and 2010 are in three categories: Streets Capital Projects, Corrective/Preventative Maintenance, and Alternative Transportation. A description of these categories is included as Attachment 1.

Staff's proposed Measure D Local Program of Projects for Fiscal Year 2009 and 2010 is consistent with the prior year's Programs of Projects and is included as Attachment 2 and as the Exhibit to the Resolution.

SUMMARY

The City must annually adopt a Resolution and submit a revised Local Program of Projects to SBCAG in accordance with the Measure D local allocation rules. The plan is generally consistent with the City of Santa Barbara's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2009 currently being prepared.

ATTACHMENT(S): 1. Measure D Project Categories

2. Measured D Proposed City Of Santa Barbara Program Of Projects by Category for Fiscal Year 2009 and 2010

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MEASURE D PROJECT CATEGORIES

1. Streets Capital Projects

As background information, maintenance of existing City infrastructure was the emphasis of the approved Fiscal Year 2008 and proposed Fiscal Year 2009 Streets Capital Fund Budget. The proposed Measure D Two-Year Local Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010 is consistent with the previously-approved Streets Fund 2-Year budget and related strategies.

This category includes funds for construction of various Streets Capital Projects. Listed below are the three subcategories of these projects, including: a) Drainage and Bridge Capital Projects, b) Pavement Management, and c) Traffic, Streetlights, and Other. This project category accounts for approximately \$1.375M of Measure D funds for Fiscal Year 2009, and \$1.365M for Fiscal Year 2010.

a) <u>Drainage and Bridge Capital Projects</u> - Measure D funds are used as matching funds for federal bridge replacement program funding, and to address drainage problems. The City is currently designing the replacement of the following bridges on Mission Creek: Cabrillo Boulevard (\$20M), Haley Street (\$12.1M), and Ortega Street (\$5.3M). These figures represent the total project cost for each bridge.

Projects in this category include:

- Drainage System Improvements
- Bridge Replacements (Cabrillo Boulevard, Haley/De La Vina Streets, Ortega Street)
- b) <u>Pavement Management</u> Roadway capital projects place a major emphasis on maintaining the roadway surface. The three general maintenance applications to extend the life of a street are:
 - Slurry Seal
 - Pavement Overlay
 - Reconstruction

Each is applied to the street depending upon the level of deterioration. Slurry seal and overlay operations are proactive maintenance, while the more costly reconstruction is classified as reactive maintenance or end-of-lifecycle replacement.

- c) <u>Traffic, Streetlights, and Other</u> These projects provide traffic and streetlight improvements and improvements near schools. Projects in this category include:
 - Traffic Signal Upgrades
 - Streetlight System Upgrades
 - Pedestrian Signal Upgrades

2. Corrective/Preventative Maintenance (Operations)

Corrective/Preventative Maintenance (Operations) includes staff costs for administering, designing, and inspecting Capital Measure D projects, as well as road drainage and utility maintenance efforts. No Measure D funded staffing changes are proposed for Fiscal Year 2009. In addition to the Pavement Maintenance Program, the Measure D budget provides for in-house crews to perform crack sealing, pothole repairs, grinding, and repairs to sidewalks and drainage facilities. This project category accounts for approximately \$1.533M of Measure D funds for Fiscal Year 2009, and \$1.707M for Fiscal Year 2010. This category includes funding for:

- Traffic Operations/Planning
- Road/Sidewalk Maintenance
- Storm Drain Maintenance
- Traffic Marking/Signage
- Streetlight and Traffic Systems Maintenance
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3. Alternative Transportation

Alternative Transportation includes Pedestrian/Bikeway and Sidewalk/Access Ramp Improvements and the City's Transit Assistance Program. This project category accounts for approximately \$2.239M of Measure D funds for Fiscal Year 2009, and \$2.294M for Fiscal Year 2010.

- a) Pedestrian/Bikeway and Sidewalk/Access Ramp Improvements These projects are designed to better serve pedestrian and bicycle travel-ways and to encourage increased use. Work includes replacing damaged sidewalks, installing access ramps, bikeway improvements, traffic calming devices, and installation of missing links of sidewalks. Projects in this category include:
 - Access Ramp Installation
 - Sidewalk Infill
 - Bikeway Striping
- b) <u>City's Transit Assistance Program</u> This Program is designed to provide funding for the purchase and operation of energy efficient electric shuttle buses and subsidize the operation of various transit assistance programs. This category includes annual funding for:
 - Easy Lift Transportation
 - Downtown/Waterfront Electric Shuttle
 - Crosstown Shuttle
 - Enhanced Transit Support to MTD

Additionally, the Redevelopment Agency contributes \$300,000 annually to the Downtown/Waterfront Electric Shuttle.

Measure D Proposed City of Santa Barbara Program of Projects by Category FY 2009 and FY 2010

City Project Category	FY 09	FY 10	TOTALS
Capital Projects	\$1.375	\$1.365	\$2.740
Alternative Transportation	\$2.239	\$2.294	\$4.533
Corrective/Preventative Maintenance	\$1.533	\$1.707	\$3.240
TOTALS	\$5.147	\$5.366	\$10.513

Figures in \$ Millions